CLAIM AMENDMENTS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An arrangement ~~(1)~~ having a battery ~~(2)~~ with a first contact pole ~~(9)~~ and a second contact pole ~~(10)~~, having a first connecting line ~~(3)~~ and a second connecting line ~~(4)~~, which connecting lines ~~(3, 4)~~ each have a first end ~~(11, 12)~~ and a second end ~~(21, 22)~~, and are each associated with one contact pole ~~(9, 10)~~ to which they are electrically conductively connected at a first end ~~(11, 12)~~, and which connecting lines ~~(3, 4)~~ can make contact with a load at a second end ~~(21, 22)~~ and an ohmic fixed-value resistor ~~(30)~~ ~~is arranged such that it~~ is electrically conductively connected between the first end ~~(11)~~ of the connecting line ~~(3)~~, which is associated with the first contact pole ~~(9)~~, and the first contact pole ~~(9)~~, ~~and~~ **wherein** the battery ~~(2)~~ comprises a housing ~~(31), characterized in that the housing (31)~~ **which** has two opposite end faces ~~(6, 7)~~, and one contact pole ~~(9)~~ is arranged on each end face ~~(6, 7)~~ of the housing ~~(31)~~, and ~~in that~~ the fixed-value resistor ~~(30)~~ is attached to the housing ~~(31)~~ in the area between ~~the~~ two planes which are described by the end faces ~~(6, 7)~~.

2. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the fixed-value resistor ~~**(30)**~~ is attached to the housing ~~**(31)**~~ by means of a shrink sleeve ~~**(32)**~~.

3. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the battery ~~**(2)**~~ is a cylindrical AA-format cell, with the fixed-value resistor ~~**(30)**~~ being arranged on and attached to the cylindrical casing surface ~~**(8)**~~ between the two end faces ~~**(6, 7)**~~.

4. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the battery ~~**(2)**~~ is a cylindrical ½-AA-format cell, with the fixed-value resistor ~~**(30)**~~ being arranged on and attached to the cylindrical casing surface ~~**(8)**~~ between the two end faces ~~**(6, 7)**~~.

5. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the battery ~~**(2)**~~ has a rated voltage of 3.6 V and the fixed-value resistor ~~**(30)**~~ has a rated value of 100 Ω.

6. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 5, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that**~~ the fixed-value resistor ~~**(30)**~~ has a rated power of 250 mW.

7. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the battery ~~**(2)**~~ is a lithium battery, in particular a thionyl-chloride system battery.

8. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the fixed-value resistor ~~**(30)**~~ is in the form of a metal-film resistor or a carbon-film resistor.

9. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the connecting lines ~~**(3)**~~ are each electrically conductively connected at a second end ~~**(11)**~~ to a plug ~~**(5)**~~ of a plug connection.

10. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the contact poles ~~**(9, 10)**~~ and the electrical contact with the contact poles ~~**(9, 10)**~~ are electrically isolated from the environment.

11. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the first contact pole ~~**(9)**~~ of the battery ~~**(2)**~~ is a negative pole.

12. **(Currently Amended)** **The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein** ~~**The arrangement (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that**~~ the first connecting line~~**(3)**~~ and the second connecting line~~**(4)**~~ are non-conductively connected to one another in places.

13. **(NEW)**) A battery comprising:

a first contact pole and a second contact pole,

a first connecting line and a second connecting line each having a first end and a second end and each being associated with one contact pole to which they are electrically conductively connected at a first end, wherein the connecting lines can make contact with a load at a second end,

a ohmic fixed-value resistor electrically conductively connected between the first end of the connecting line, which is associated with the first contact pole, and the first contact pole,

a housing having two opposite end faces, wherein one contact pole is arranged on each end face of the housing, and wherein the fixed-value resistor is attached to the housing in the area between two planes defined by the end faces.

14. **(NEW)**) The battery according to claim 12, wherein the fixed-value resistor is attached to the housing by means of a shrink sleeve.

15. **(NEW)**) The battery according to claim 12, wherein the battery is a cylindrical AA-format cell, with the fixed-value resistor being arranged on and attached to the cylindrical casing surface between the two end faces.

16. **(NEW)**) The battery according to claim 12, wherein the battery is a cylindrical ½-AA-format cell, with the fixed-value resistor being arranged on and attached to the cylindrical casing surface between the two end faces.

17. **(NEW)**) The arrangement according to claim 12, wherein the battery has a rated voltage of 3.6 V and the fixed-value resistor has a rated value of 100 Ω and the fixed-value resistor has a rated power of 250 mW.

18. **(NEW)**) The arrangement according to claim 12, wherein the battery is a lithium battery, in particular a thionyl-chloride system battery.

19. **(NEW)**) The arrangement according to claim 12, wherein the fixed-value resistor is in the form of a metal-film resistor or a carbon-film resistor.

20. **(NEW)**) The arrangement according to claim 12, wherein the connecting lines are each electrically conductively connected at a second end to a plug of a plug connection.